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## Storm Lake seeks to be 'Great Place'

Storm Lake is expected to apply for a Great Places designation through the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

Department Director Anita Walker met with a group of about 15 Storm Lakers last week, City Administrator John Call said. Walker described the Great Places program, initiated by Gov. Tom Vilsack.

The idea is to select three communities. Each would receive a "coach" from the state who is supposed to cut through red tape and help align state programs to help reach the city's goal. The coach would help find grants and technical assistance.

A meeting was held in Spencer to explain the concept to the region. City Clerk Patti Moore, Project Awaysis Manager Mike Wilson and Storm Lake Area Development Corporation Director Gary Lalone attended.